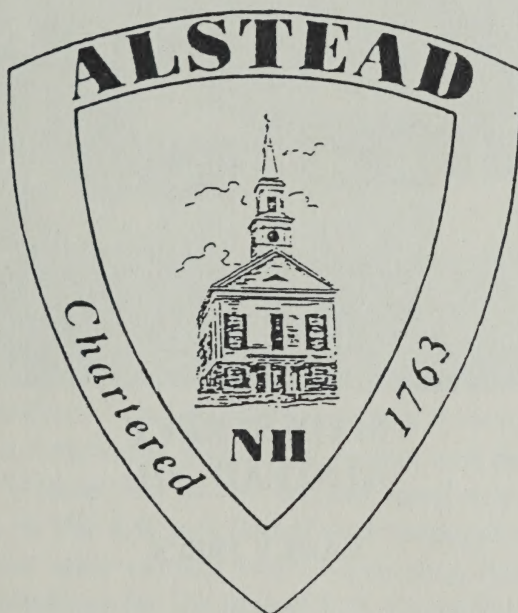


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Annual Reports

Of The Selectmen And Other Town Officers of the Town of

ALSTEAD, NH



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

2000

TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2001



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ALSTEAD, NH**

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Dedication



As you can see this years Town Report is dedicated to a wife, to a mother, to a Grandmother, to a friend, to a woman, to a wonderful, wonderful person and this person is Dorothy Walker. Dot has served our town as a volunteer, a historian, on the Library Board and Manager of the Thrift Shop. Dot has spent endless hours cataloging, cleaning and polishing donations for the Mabel Still Memorial Building Museum. Without Dot's energy and perseverance as a volunteer, the History of Alstead would have been forgotten by many.

The Selectmen of Alstead and it's people are very proud to have such a devoted person as our Dorothy Walker.

The Alstead Board of Selectmen

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TOWN INFORMATION

Selectmen 835-2986

Meeting on Tuesdays, at 7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk-Tax Collector 835-2242

Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Planning Board - Second Monday of the month @ 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Board of Adjustment - First Monday of the month @ 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Officer: E. Dale Wilson 835-2231 evenings

Health Officer: James O'Brien 835-2349 evenings

Conservation Commission - First Thursday of the month @ 7:00 p.m.

Fire Department

Executive Board - First Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting - Second Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Ambulance/Rescue Squad - Third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Drills held on the fourth Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Library Hours

835-6661

Wednesday 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday & Friday, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Transfer Station Hours

835-2425

Monday and Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Town Highway Garage

835-2428

TOWN OFFICIALS 2000

Veronica C. Lafluer	Selectman	Term Expires 2001
James O'Brien	Selectman	Term Expires 2002
Matthew D. Saxton	Selectman	Term Expires 2003
Stephen Blake	Moderator	Term Expires 2002
Gloria Seddon	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Term Expires 2003
Tina Christie	Treasurer	Term Expires 2002
David Crosby	Road Agent	Term Expires 2003
Vacancy	Dog Constable	Term Expires 2001
Carroll Timer Hatch	Parks Commissioner	Term Expires 2001
Erwin Ward	Police Chief	Appointed
Kim Kercewich	Fire Chief	Appointed
Kim Kercewich	Forest Fire Warden	Appointed
H. Douglas Bays	Civil Defense Director	Appointed
Julia Cunniff	Librarian	Appointed
E. Dale Wilson	Zoning Officer	Appointed
James O'Brien	Health Officer	Appointed
Reginald Clark	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term Expires 2001
Marie Bender	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term Expires 2002
Bruce A. Bellows	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term Expires 2003
H. Douglas Bays	Fire Commissioner	Term Expires 2001
James O'Brien	Fire Commissioner	Term Expires 2002
David Crosby	Fire Commissioner	Term Expires 2003
Mary Lou Huffling	Library Trustee	Term Expires 2001
Almut Yakovleff	Library Trustee	Term Expires 2001
Bernard Cooper	Library Trustee	Term Expires 2002
Deborah Guerriere	Library Trustee	Term Expires 2002
Suzette Langlois	Library Trustee	Term Expires 2003
Howard Goss	Arch Pond Committee	Term Expires 2001
Ralph Lafluer	Arch Pond Committee	Term Expires 2002
Clifford Clark	Arch Pond Committee	Term Expires 2003
Tina Christie	Supervisor of Checklist	Term Expires 2002
Molly Leonard	Supervisor of Checklist	Term Expires 2004
Ethel Gendron	Supervisor of Checklist	Term Expires 2006

Ballot Clerks

Gertrude Putnam	Viola Hatch	Marie King	David Leonard
Don Bascom		Planning Board	Term Expires 2001
Julie Steven		Planning Board	Term Expires 2001
Peter Rhoades		Planning Board	Term Expires 2002
Randall F. Rhoades		Planning Board	Term Expires 2002
Matt Saxton		Ex-Officio Member	Term Expires 2003
Gloria Seddon		Planning Board	Term Expires 2003
Rosemarie Caffrey		Planning Board	Term Expires 2003
David Fiske		Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term Expires 2001
Richard Minard		Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term Expires 2001
Samuel Sutcliffe		Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term Expires 2001
Harold Binder		Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term Expires 2003
Paul Rodrigue		Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term Expires 2003
David W. Collins		Zoning Board Alternate	Term Expires 2003
Howard L. Goss	Maybell Still Memorial Building Comm.		Term Expires 2001
Ralph Lafluer	Maybell Still Memorial Building Comm.		Term Expires 2002
Dorothy Walker	Maybell Still Memorial Building Comm.		Term Expires 2003
Henry Moncrief		Conservation Commission	Term Expires 2002
Howard Weeks		Conservation Commission	Term Expires 2002
Loretta Seibert		Conservation Commission	Term Expires 2002
Janis Hall-Fuller		Conservation Commission	Term Expires 2003
Reginald Clark		Cemetery Commission	Term Expires 2001
Marie Bender		Cemetery Commission	Term Expires 2002
Bruce Bellows		Cemetery Commission	Term Expires 2003
Joel McCarty		School Board Member Alstead Rep. Fall Mt. Consolidated School Officer	Term Expires 2001

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

To the inhabitants of the Town of Alstead in the County of Cheshire,
in said State qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Municipal Building in said
Alstead on Tuesday, the 16th day of January, next at 7:00 p.m. for
public hearing on the proposed operating budget and the town
meeting warrant.

The first session will be held on Tuesday, February 6th, 2001 at 7:00
p.m. at the Town Hall for the final explanation, discussion, or
amendment, if necessary, of the articles on the warrant.

The final session of the annual Town Meeting will be held at the Town
Hall on Tuesday the 13th day of March, 2001 for the election of town
officers and for voting by ballot on all warrant articles. The polls will be
open on Tuesday, March 13th, from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to
purchase two (2) new 2001 Ford F550 trucks complete
with sanders for the Highway Department and to raise
and appropriate the sum of one hundred one thousand, five
hundred seventy two dollars and no cents (\$101,572.00) for
that purpose. Twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to be
taken from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund and Seventy six
thousand five hundred seventy two dollars (\$76,572.00) to be
raised by taxes.

Majority Vote Required.

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #6, the
operating budget article.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 3: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase new hose for the Fire Department for eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000). Ten thousand (\$10,000) to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund and eight thousand to be raised by taxes.

Majority vote required.

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant article # 6, the operating budget.

Recommended by the Selectmen

Article 4: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long term lease/purchase in the amount of Twenty nine Thousand nine hundred twenty three dollars (\$29,923.00) payable over a term of forty-eight months (48) at a rate of Seven Thousand Four hundred Eighty dollars and Seventy Five cents (\$7,480.75) per year to purchase a fully equipped 2001 Ford Expedition Four Wheel Drive Vehicle for the Police Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,480.75 for the first years payment, \$5,000.00 to come from the Capital Reserve Fund and \$2,480.75 to be raised by taxes.

3/5 Majority Vote required

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 6, the operating budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 5: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$38,500) to be placed in the existing capital reserve funds, \$10,000 for the Fire Department, \$20,000 for the Highway Department, \$5,000 for the Police Department and \$3,500 for the Ambulance for the purchasing of equipment. \$38,500 to be taken from Surplus.

Majority Vote required

This appropriation will not result in extra taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 6: Shall the Town of Alstead raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$873,200.00? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$869,051.00, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting. In accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

a. Executive	37,650.00
b. Election, Registration & Vitals	27,500.00
c. Financial Administration	35,000.00
d. Legal Expense	15,000.00
e. Personnel Administration	75,500.00
f. Planning and Zoning	3,500.00
g. General Government Buildings	55,000.00
h. Cemeteries	3,500.00
i. Insurance	25,000.00
j. Advertising & Regional Assoc.	2,000.00
k. Fuel	16,000.00
l. Police	64,000.00
m. Ambulance	18,150.00
n. Fire & Forest Fire	52,000.00
o. Emergency Management	500.00
p. Communications	2,500.00
q. Highways & Streets	285,000.00
r. Street Lighting	10,000.00
s. Sanitation/Solid Waste	70,000.00
t. Health Agencies/Hospital/Etc	13,000.00
u. Welfare/Direct Assistance	5,000.00
v. Parks & Recreation	4,000.00
w. Library	20,000.00
x. Patriotic Purposes	3,000.00
y. Conservation Commission	400.00
z. Interest on tans	10,000.00
aa. Principal & Interest Long Notes	<u>20,000.00</u>
	\$873,200.00

Majority vote required

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the elected position of Animal Control Officer. The Police Department will assume the responsibilities.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Provisions of RSA 31:43 a, c, d, e, f and g relating to the imposition and enforcement of Curfew Regulations upon Minors under the age of sixteen years.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Article 9: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 29th day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand One.

James O'Brien, Chairman

Veronica C. Lafluer

Matthew D. Saxton

A true copy of Warrant - Attest

James O'Brien, Chairman

Veronica C. Lafluer

Matthew D. Saxton

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED ON MARCH 13, 2001

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Place a cross (x) in either the YES or NO box after each article.

ARTICLE 2 "Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a new 2001 Ford F550 truck complete with sander for the Highway Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-one thousand dollars (\$51,000) for that purpose. Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be taken from current surplus and twenty-six thousand (\$26,000) to be raised by taxes?"

Majority Vote Required.

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #6, the operating budget.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

YES

NO

ARTICLE 3. "Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase new hose for the fire department for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be taken from the current surplus?"

Majority Vote Required

This appropriation will not result in extra taxation.

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #6, the operating budget.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

YES

NO

ARTICLE 4. "Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long term lease/purchase in the amount of Twenty- nine Thousand nine hundred twenty three dollars (\$29,923.00) payable over a term of forty-eight months (48) at a rate of Seven Thousand Four hundred Eighty dollars and Seventy Five cents (\$7,480.75) per year to purchase a fully equipped 2001 Ford Expedition Four Wheel Drive Vehicle for the Police Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,480.75 for the first years payment, \$5,000.00 to come from the Capital Reserve Fund and \$2,480.75 to be raised by taxes?"

3/5 Majority Vote Required

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #6, the operating budget
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

YES

NO

ARTICLE 5. “Shall the Town vote to authorize the |Selectmen to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$38,500) to be placed in the existing capital reserve funds, \$10,000 for the Fire Department, \$20,000 for the Highway Department, \$5,000 for the Police Department and \$3,500 for the Ambulance for the purchasing of equipment. \$38,500 to be taken from Surplus?”

Majority Vote Required
This appropriation will not result in extra taxation.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

YES **NO**

ARTICLE 6. “Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with thwe warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$816,750.00? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$869,051.00, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting. In accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only?”

Majority Vote Required

YES **NO**

ARTICLE 7. “Shall the Town vote to eliminate the elected position of Animal Control Officer. The Police Department will assume the responsibilities?”

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

YES **NO**

ARTICLE 8. “Shall the Town vote to accept that a study will be done of feasibility of RSA 31:43 a,c,d,e,f and j. That study to be reviewed and discussed at next years town meeting for adoption?”.

YES **NO**

Budget - Town/City of ALSTEAD FY 2001

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (RECOMMENDED)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive		37650	46134	37650
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		29000	26706	27500
4150-4151	Financial Administration		40550	34586	35000
4152	Revaluation of Property				
4153	Legal Expense		17000	10898	15000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		75500	66061	75500
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		4000	3509	3500
4194	General Government Buildings		55000	74081	55000
4195	Cemeteries		3500	6247	3500
4196	Insurance		46000	19484	25000
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		2000	2747	2000
4199	FUEL SYSTEM Other General Government		15000	17273	16000

PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		53101	48349	64000
4215-4219	Ambulance		18000	16679	18150
4220-4229	Fire & Forest Fire		49300	49090	52000
4240-4249	Building Inspection				
4290-4298	Emergency Management		7400	3804	500
4299	Other (Including Communications)		1500	5002	2500

AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations				

HIGHWAYS & STREETS		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration		35000	37385	35000
4312	Highways & Streets		247000	238796	250000
4313	Bridges				
4316	Street Lighting		10000	8481	10000
4319	Other				

SANITATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration		20150	34030	20150
4323	Solid Waste Collection				
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		49850	43391	49850
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up				

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SANITATION cont. XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX						
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other					
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX						
4331	Administration					
4332	Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other					
ELECTRIC XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX						
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
HEALTH XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX						
4411	Administration		14500	12614	13000	
4414	Pest Control					
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other					
WELFARE XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX						
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		5000	4134	5000	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments					
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other					
CULTURE & RECREATION XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX						
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		4000	10278	4000	
4550-4559	Library		19000	31630	20000	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		500	753	3000	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation					
CONSERVATION XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX						
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		400	400	400	
4619	Other Conservation					
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING					
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
DEBT SERVICE XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX						
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes			1155	20000	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		10000	10949	10000	

Budget - Town/City of ALSTEAD FY 2001

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DEBT SERVICE cont.

4790-4799	Other Debt Service					
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CAPITAL OUTLAY

4901	Land					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment					
4903	Buildings					
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.					

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	Sewer-					
	Water-					
	Electric-					
	Airport-					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund					
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917					
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Agency Funds					
SUBTOTAL 1		869051	864646	873200		

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

Budget - Town/City of ALSTEAD FY 2001

"SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES"

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3.VI, as appropriations 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (RECOMMENDED)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
	2 F-550 Highway	2			76572	
	Fire Hose	3			18000	
	Police Ford Exp	4			29923	
	SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	124495	XXXXXXXXXX

"INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES"

Individual* warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (RECOMMENDED)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
	Capital Reserve	5			38500	
	SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	38500	XXXXXXXXXX

Eudget - Town/City of ALSTEAD FY 2001

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1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR: ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR
TAXES			XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		2000	15	1000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		15000	11094	10000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		40000	55556	40000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)				
3188	Excavation Activity Tax				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		1000		500
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		185000	211097	185000
3230	Building Permits				
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees				
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE			XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		50000	17248	15000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		18500	40784	18500
3353	Highway Block Grant		67544	69801	73234
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		4		4
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		3000		3000
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		3000	9002	3000
3409	Other Charges				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property				
3502	Interest on Investments		6000	1652	6000
3503-3509	Other				

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				40000
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds		55000	67847	50000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				38500
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			446648		483733

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	873200
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	124495
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	38500
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1036195
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above column 6)	483733
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	552462

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY VALUES

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>
Land	\$25,329,782	\$24,854,787
Buildings	\$53,733,600	\$55,089,248
Public Utilities		
Less Elderly & Blind Exemptions	- 40,000	- 40,000
Net Assessed Valuation	\$75,467,182	\$76,021,635
Taxes Committed to Tax Collector		
Town Property Taxes Assessed	\$ 1,893,738	\$ 2,172,537
Less War Service Credit	9,950	- 9,900
Net Property Tax Commitment	1,883,788	2,162,637
Tax Rate	25.22	28.72
Net School Appropriation	\$ 1,290,197	\$ 1,427,803
County Tax Assessment	181,634	191,106

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall/Offices Furniture & Equipment	\$37,000
Library Furniture & Equipment	\$30,000
Police Dept. Furniture & Equipment	\$37,000
Fire Department Equipment	\$202,050
Park Equipment	\$8,000
Cemetery Equipment	\$7,000
Highway Department Equipment	\$368,000

**TOWN OF ALSTEAD
INVENTORY OF TOWN PROPERTY**

MAP	LOT	LAND VALUE	BUILDING VALUE	TOTAL VALUE	IDENTIFICATION/ LOCATION
10	08-0A	14,400.		14,400.	Parking lot across Vilas Pool
11	01	25,900.	119,200.	145,100.	Town Hall/Center Fire Station
11	22	28,800.	217,000.	245,800.	Shedd Porter Memorial Library
11	91	12,900.	15,600.	28,500.	Transfer Station
11	101	25,900.	70,200.	96,100.	Maybelle Still Historical Society Bldg.
11	130	6,400.		6,400.	Old Masonic Lot - entrance to Millot Green
11	135	25,200.	4,700.	29,900.	Millot Green park
18	8	16,000.		16,000.	Arch Pond
18	10	20,000.		20,000.	Arch Pond
18	11	20,000.		20,000.	Arch Pond
18	12	20,000.		20,000.	Arch Pond
18	13	20,000.		20,000.	Arch Pond
18	14	20,100.		20,100.	Arch Pond
18	15	20,100.		20,100.	Arch Pond
18	37	20,000.		20,000.	Arch Pond
18	42	80,000.		80,000.	Arch Pond
21	12	55,000.	118,400.	173,400	Highway Building
25	2	800.		800.	Off Hill Road
11	118	8,700.		8,700.	Pleasant St.
30	15	1,500.		1,500.	Warren Monument
30	22	57,600.		57,600.	Lake Warren Boat Landing (State controlled)
31	10A	4,800.		4,800.	West Side East Alstead Common
31	22	14,000.		14,000.	East Side East Alstead Common
34	19A	2,700.		2,700.	Shadowland lot
40	4C	1,500.		1,500.	Pratt Road turnaround
11	23	6,100.		6,100.	Parking area, corner Rte. 123 & River St.
11	134	25,000.	374,500.	399,500.	Spahr building
10	8	22,100.	257,300.	279,400.	Vilas Pool
61	1	94,900.		94,900.	Wellman Pond Conservation Area
31	18	6,700.	143,200.	149,900.	East Alstead Fire Station

2000 Annual Report Alstead Board of Selectmen

The Alstead Board of Selectmen organized for the year 2000 appointing James O'Brien as Chairman of the Board. Presently your Board consists of James O'Brien, Veronica C. Lafluer and Matthew D. Saxton.

The year included many of the usual, and some new challenges, but punctuated by the great pleasure of the "Alstead Festival" on July 25, which, by all accounts was judged a grand success! The day began with a parade of floats, equipment, and enthusiastic participants young, old and in-between. The new Municipal Building was dedicated in the morning. During the day there were games for the children, Craft Fair by local Craftsmen, a Chicken Barbecue by the Boy Scouts and Hot Dogs and Hamburgers for sale by the Alstead Fire Department on Millot Green. The night culminated with a Bonfire and a dance with the Prentice Hill Band playing. Fun was had by all who attended. On Sunday the Prentice Hill Band played at Vilas Pool and a Horseshoe Tournament took place on Millot Green. Hopefully this tradition will carry forward through the years!

We are glad to welcome Joe Murray to the Alstead Police Department. In August of 2000 he was hired for the full time police officer position. He and his wife, Donna and two boys reside in neighboring Langdon.

We want to thank Shirley Haskins for donating \$1000 in memory of her father, Walter Savory to be used on the Bell Tower at Vilas Pool. Her father had worked on the flower gardens at Vilas Pool for years. A new roof was put on the Bell Tower this fall. The chimes are next in need of repair.

The 911 ordinance was put into effect in Alstead on December 15th, 2000 except for the Walpole Valley area which went into effect the 30th of January 2001. Hopefully everyone felt that this went smoothly. We encourage all to put up their house numbers.

The Selectmen at the time of the latest Vilas Pool project want to express our regret for the turmoil in our town which has been caused by the lawsuit by the NH Department of Environmental Services.

We undertook the project with our only intention to maintain the high value that Vilas Pool, as a public park, children's camp, swimming area and fishing hole has to generations of people who have enjoyed this gift of Mr. Vilas.

Mr. Vilas would be distressed by the current difficulties, as we all are.

The pool has not changed very much over 75 years, but the world has. We are more aware of that now than ever before.

A generation ago our good stewardship of the pool was determined, guided and carried out by Alstead residents – Selectmen, Pool Committee members, staff and many others over the years. We owe them thanks for a job well done.

Now there are rules from the Federal Government and the State Government. These rules must be obeyed. As it turned out, a rule was broken, and we now see the effect. But not at the pool. The pool looks the same.

We had hoped the effort taken to comply with the DES instructions to undo the unpermitted portion of the project would be satisfactory.

At the first budget hearing of last year (2000), Jim O'Brien explained that DES had required the removal of the road and culvert, that the road and culvert had been removed, and that nothing had been heard from DES since.

We eventually did hear something more. DES wanted \$92,734. During the last several months, the Board, through the Town's Attorney, negotiated this amount to the sum of \$41,600. Regrettably it was the best that could be done.

The situation is unpleasant for everyone. We are sorry that it has come to this.

At this time we would like to thank all the Town Employees, Boards, Committees and Citizens who have contributed to the operation of our town.

Alstead Board of Selectmen

James O'Brien, Chairman
Veronica C. Lafluer
Matthew D. Saxton

TOWN OF ALSTEAD,
NEW HAMPSHIRE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

DECEMBER 31, 2000



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen
Town of Alstead
Alstead, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Alstead as of and for the year ended December 31, 2000 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Alstead has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Alstead as of December 31, 2000, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Alstead taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules and other supplementary information labeled Schedules I and II in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Alstead. In addition, the information included in the Summary of Principal and Income of the Trust Funds presented as Schedule II is prepared on the cost basis which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

January 26, 2001

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Group
December 31, 2000

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group General Long-Term	Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Trust and Agency	Debt	
Assets					
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 240,422	\$ 43,277	\$ 1,956	\$	\$ 285,655
Investments		22,327	542,781		565,108
Receivables (Net of Allowance For Uncollectible)					
Taxes	780,838				780,838
Accounts		747			747
Special Assessments	845				845
Interfund Receivable		36,010	782,704		818,714
Prepaid Items	3,817				3,817
Other Debits					
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt				69,470	69,470
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>\$ 1,025,922</u>	<u>\$ 102,361</u>	<u>\$ 1,327,441</u>	<u>\$ 69,470</u>	<u>\$ 2,525,194</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY					
Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	\$ 12,960	\$	\$	\$	\$ 12,960
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	6,204				6,204
Intergovernmental Payable			784,718		784,718
Interfund Payable	818,714				818,714
Deferred Revenue	4,180				4,180
Capital Lease Payable				69,470	69,470
Total Liabilities	<u>842,058</u>		<u>784,718</u>	<u>69,470</u>	<u>1,696,246</u>
Equity					
Fund Balances					
Reserved For Endowments			377,968		377,968
Reserved For Special Purposes			164,755		164,755
Unreserved					
Designated for Contingency	28,000				28,000
Designated For Special Purposes		102,361			102,361
Undesignated	155,864				155,864
Total Equity	<u>183,864</u>	<u>102,361</u>	<u>542,723</u>		<u>828,948</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$ 1,025,922</u>	<u>\$ 102,361</u>	<u>\$ 1,327,441</u>	<u>\$ 69,470</u>	<u>\$ 2,525,194</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT B
TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Type Expendable Trust	Total (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>		
<u>Revenues</u>				
Taxes	\$ 610,237	\$	\$	\$ 610,237
Licenses and Permits	215,059			215,059
Intergovernmental	126,894			126,894
Charges for Services	13,103	12,006		25,109
Miscellaneous	93,161	30,638	6,704	130,503
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>				
Proceeds of General Obligation Debt	77,439			77,439
Operating Transfers In	<u> </u>	<u>10,414</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>40,414</u>
<u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>1,135,893</u>	<u>53,058</u>	<u>36,704</u>	<u>1,225,655</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>				
<u>Current</u>				
General Government	305,355			305,355
Public Safety	137,480			137,480
Highways and Streets	291,266			291,266
Sanitation	74,708			74,708
Health	13,951			13,951
Welfare	4,323			4,323
Culture and Recreation	15,867	34,908		50,775
Conservation	400	1,098		1,498
Debt Service	20,064			20,064
Capital Outlay	344,439			344,439
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>				
Operating Transfers Out	<u>39,000</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>39,000</u>
<u>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>1,246,853</u>	<u>36,006</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1,282,859</u>
<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	(110,960)	17,052	36,704	(57,204)
<u>Fund Balances - January 1</u>	<u>294,824</u>	<u>85,309</u>	<u>76,727</u>	<u>456,860</u>
<u>Fund Balances - December 31</u>	<u>\$ 183,864</u>	<u>\$ 102,361</u>	<u>\$ 113,431</u>	<u>\$ 399,656</u>

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EXHIBIT C
TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis)
General and Special Revenue Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

	General Fund		Variance
	Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues</u>			
Taxes	\$ 585,377	\$ 610,237	\$ 24,860
Licenses and Permits	213,500	215,059	1,559
Intergovernmental	137,991	126,592	(11,399)
Charges for Services	6,742	13,103	6,361
Miscellaneous	81,404	93,161	11,757
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Operating Transfers In			
<u>Total Revenues and</u>			
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>1,025,014</u>	<u>1,058,152</u>	<u>33,138</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
<u>Current</u>			
General Government	323,700	305,355	18,345
Public Safety	128,851	137,178	(8,327)
Highways and Streets	292,100	291,266	834
Sanitation	70,000	74,708	(4,708)
Health	15,500	13,951	1,549
Welfare	5,000	4,323	677
Culture and Recreation	14,500	15,867	(1,367)
Conservation	400	400	
Debt Service	28,363	20,064	8,299
Capital Outlay	267,000	267,000	
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>			
Operating Transfers Out	<u>39,000</u>	<u>39,000</u>	
<u>Total Expenditures and</u>			
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>1,184,414</u>	<u>1,169,112</u>	<u>15,302</u>
<u>Deficiency of Revenues and</u>			
<u>Other Financing Sources Under</u>			
<u>Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>\$ (159,400)</u>	<u>(110,960)</u>	<u>\$ 48,440</u>
<u>Unreserved Fund Balances - January 1</u>		<u>294,824</u>	
<u>Unreserved Fund Balances - December 31</u>		<u>\$ 183,864</u>	

Annually Budgeted Special Revenue Funds			Total (Memorandum Only)		
<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
\$	\$	\$	\$ 585,377	\$ 610,237	\$ 24,860
			213,500	215,059	1,559
			137,991	126,592	(11,399)
			6,742	13,103	6,361
	9,189	9,189	81,404	102,350	20,946
<u>9,000</u>	<u>10,414</u>	<u>1,414</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>10,414</u>	<u>1,414</u>
<u>9,000</u>	<u>19,603</u>	<u>10,603</u>	<u>1,034,014</u>	<u>1,077,755</u>	<u>43,741</u>
			323,700	305,355	18,345
			128,851	137,178	(8,327)
			292,100	291,266	834
			70,000	74,708	(4,708)
			15,500	13,951	1,549
			5,000	4,323	677
9,000	21,721	(12,721)	23,500	37,588	(14,088)
			400	400	
			28,363	20,064	8,299
			267,000	267,000	
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>39,000</u>	<u>39,000</u>	<u> </u>
<u>9,000</u>	<u>21,721</u>	<u>(12,721)</u>	<u>1,193,414</u>	<u>1,190,833</u>	<u>2,581</u>
<u>\$ -0-</u>	(2,118)	<u>\$ (2,118)</u>	<u>\$ (159,400)</u>	(113,078)	<u>\$ 46,322</u>
	<u>29,639</u>			<u>324,463</u>	
	<u>\$ 27,521</u>			<u>\$ 211,385</u>	

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT D
TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances
All Nonexpendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

<u>Operating Revenues</u>	
New Funds	\$ 2,000
Interest and Dividends	15,437
Net Decrease in Fair Value of Investments	<u>(842)</u>
<u>Total Operating Revenues</u>	<u>16,595</u>
 <u>Operating Expenses</u>	
Trust Income Distributions	4,604
Transfers Out To Other Funds	<u>1,414</u>
<u>Total Operating Expenses</u>	<u>6,018</u>
 <u>Operating Income</u>	<u>10,577</u>
 <u>Fund Balances - January 1</u>	<u>418,715</u>
 <u>Fund Balances - December 31</u>	<u>\$ 429,292</u>

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EXHIBIT E
TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Cash Flows
All Nonexpendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

<u>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</u>	
Cash Received as New Funds	\$ 3,378
Cash Received as Interest and Dividends	15,530
Cash Paid as Trust Income Distributions	(4,667)
Cash Paid to Other Funds	<u>(1,414)</u>
<u>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</u>	<u>12,827</u>
<u>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</u>	
Purchase of Investments	<u>(12,801)</u>
<u>Net Increase in Cash</u>	26
<u>Cash - January 1</u>	<u>1,930</u>
<u>Cash - December 31</u>	<u>\$ 1,956</u>
 <i>Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>	
<u>Operating Income</u>	<u>\$ 10,577</u>
<u>Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</u>	
Net Decrease in Fair Value of Investments	842
Increase in Intergovernmental Payable	<u>1,408</u>
<u>Total Adjustments</u>	<u>2,250</u>
<u>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</u>	<u>\$ 12,827</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2000

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Town have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to the governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The Town of Alstead, New Hampshire is a municipal corporation governed by an elected 3-member Board of Selectmen. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the Town of Alstead (primary government). Component units are organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable or for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Based on the foregoing criteria, no other organizations are included in the Town's financial reporting entity.

B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Town are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses, as appropriate. The various funds are grouped by type in the financial statements. The following fund types and account groups are used by the Town:

Governmental Fund Types

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. All general tax revenues and other receipts that are not allocated by law or contractual agreement to another fund are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the general operating expenditures, the fixed charges, and the capital improvement costs that are not paid through other funds.

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trust or major capital projects) requiring separate accounting because of legal or regulatory provisions or administrative action.

Fiduciary Fund Types

Trust and Agency Funds - These funds account for assets held by the Town as a trustee or agent for individuals, private organizations, and other units of government.

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Account Groups

Account groups are not "funds." They are concerned only with the measurement of financial position. They are not involved with the measurement of results of operations. The Town uses the following account groups:

General Fixed Assets Account Group - General fixed assets have been acquired for general governmental purposes and have been recorded as expenditures in the applicable governmental fund. These expenditures are required to be capitalized at historical cost in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. In accordance with the practice followed by most other municipal entities in the State, the Town does not maintain such a record of its general fixed assets and, accordingly, a statement of general fixed assets, required by generally accepted accounting principles, is not included in this financial report.

General Long-Term Debt Account Group - This account group is established to account for all long-term debt of the Town.

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Governmental, Expendable Trust and Agency Funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become both available and measurable (flow of current financial resources measurement focus). Licenses and permits, fines and forfeits, and most miscellaneous revenues are recorded when received in cash. General taxes, intergovernmental revenues, charges for services, and investment earnings are recorded when earned (when they are measurable and available). Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except expenditures for prepayments, debt service, and other long-term obligations, which are recognized when due.

All Nonexpendable Trust Funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Using this basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they are earned, and expenses are recognized when they are incurred (flow of economic resources measurement focus).

D. Budgetary Accounting

General Budget Policies

General governmental revenues and expenditures accounted for in budgetary funds are controlled by a formal integrated budgetary accounting system in accordance with various legal requirements which govern the Town's operations. At its annual meeting, the Town adopts a budget for the current year for the General and Shedd Porter Memorial Library Funds. Except as reconciled on the following page, budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Management may transfer appropriations between operating categories as deemed necessary, but expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations in total. All annual appropriations lapse at year-end unless encumbered.

State statutes require balanced budgets, but provide for the use of beginning unreserved fund balance to achieve that end. In the fiscal year 2000, \$159,400 of the beginning General Fund fund balance was applied for this purpose.

Amounts recorded as budgetary expenditures in the Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual - General and Special Revenue Funds (Exhibit C) are presented on the basis budgeted by the Town. The amounts differ from those reported in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds (Exhibit B) as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>
<u>Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>		
Per Exhibit C (Budgetary Basis)	\$ 1,169,112	\$ 21,721
<u>Adjustments</u>		
<u>Basis Difference</u>		
Retirement Contributions Paid by State of New Hampshire	302	
Capital Leases	77,439	
<u>Entity Difference</u>		
<u>Unbudgeted Funds</u>		
Arch Pond Committee		65
Vilas Pool		13,122
Conservation Commission		<u>1,098</u>
Per Exhibit B (GAAP Basis)	<u>\$ 1,246,853</u>	<u>\$ 36,006</u>

E. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

For financial reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits and money market funds, as well as certificates of deposit and short-term investments with original maturities of 90 days or less.

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2000

The Town Treasurer is required by New Hampshire statute to have custody of all moneys belonging to the Town and shall pay out the same only upon orders of the selectmen. The treasurer shall deposit all such moneys in participation units in the public deposit investment pool established pursuant to N.H. RSA 383:22 or in solvent banks in the state. Funds may be deposited in banks outside the state if such banks pledge and deliver to a third party custodial bank or the federal reserve bank collateral security for such deposits, United States government or government agency obligations or obligations of the State of New Hampshire in value at least equal to the amount of the deposit in each case.

Whenever the town treasurer has in custody an excess of funds which are not immediately needed for the purpose of expenditure, the town treasurer shall, with the approval of the selectmen, invest the excess funds in obligations of the United States government, in the public deposit investment pool established pursuant to RSA 383:22, in savings bank deposits, certificates of deposit and repurchase agreements of banks incorporated under the laws of the State of New Hampshire or in banks recognized by the state treasurer. Any person who directly or indirectly receives any such funds or moneys for deposit or for investment in securities of any kind shall, prior to acceptance of such funds, make available at the time of such deposit or investment an option to have such funds secured by collateral having a value at least equal to the amount of such funds. Such collateral shall be segregated for the exclusive benefit of the town. Only securities defined by the bank commissioner as provided by rules adopted pursuant to RSA 386:57 shall be eligible to be pledged as collateral.

The Town participates in the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool established in accordance with N.H. RSA 383:22-24. Based on GASB Statement No. 3, *Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments (including Repurchase Agreements), and Reverse Repurchase Agreements*, investments with the Pool are considered to be unclassified. At this time, the Pool's investments are limited to short-term United States treasury and United States government agency obligations, State of New Hampshire municipal obligations, certificates of deposit from A1/P1-rated banks, money market mutual funds (maximum of 20% of portfolio), overnight to 30-day repurchase agreements and reverse overnight repurchase agreements with primary dealers or dealer banks. Under the terms of GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools*, the Pool is considered to be a **2a7-like pool** which means that it has a policy that it will, and does operate in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. This rule allows SEC-registered mutual funds to use amortized cost rather than market value to report net assets in computing share prices if certain conditions are met. Therefore, the Town reports its investment in the Pool at amortized cost which would equal the Pool's share price.

Other investments are stated at fair value as of the balance sheet date. The fair value is based on the quoted market price at year-end.

The Trustees of Trust Funds file annual reports with the New Hampshire Attorney General.

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2000

Receivables

Receivables have been recorded for the following:

- a. Tax revenue is recorded when a warrant for collection is committed to the Tax Collector. However, an allowance has been established for any taxes where there is uncertainty of collection. In addition, a portion of the current uncollected balance for which there is a potential of abatement and/or tax deedings has also been included in the allowance. This allowance totals \$40,000 at December 31, 2000.

As prescribed by law, the Tax Collector places a lien on properties for all uncollected property taxes in the following year after taxes are due. The lien on these properties has priority over other liens and accrues interest at 18% per annum. If property is not redeemed within the 2-year redemption period, the property is tax-deeded to the Town. A recent decision in 2000 of the New Hampshire Supreme Court, has ruled that the lien procedure is unconstitutional. The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration is recommending that no further deeds be taken until further clarification is received from the Court.

- b. Various service charges are recorded as revenue for the period when service was provided. The receivables for such services are shown on the balance sheet net of an allowance for estimated uncollectible amounts.

Interfund Receivables and Payables

During the course of normal operations, the Town has transactions between funds, including expenditures and transfers of resources to provide services and fund capital outlay. The accompanying governmental and fiduciary fund financial statements reflect such transactions as transfers. To the extent that certain transactions have not been paid or received as of December 31, balances of interfund amounts receivable or payable have been recorded.

Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items.

Deferred Revenue

The government reports deferred revenue on its combined balance sheet. Deferred revenue arises when a potential revenue does not meet both the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition in the current period. Deferred revenue also arises when resources are received by the government before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the government has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the combined balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

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Long-Term Liabilities

General Obligation Debt - A capital lease supported by general revenues is an obligation of the Town as a whole. Accordingly, this unmatured obligation of the Town is accounted for in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group.

Compensated Absences - Employees are entitled to certain compensated absences based on their length of employment. Compensated absences accumulate and are recorded as expenditures when they are paid.

Fund Equity

The portion of fund balance which has been legally segregated for a specific future use, or which indicates that a portion is not appropriate for expenditures, is shown as reserved. The following reserves are used by the Town:

Reserved for Encumbrances - is used to account for open purchase orders, contracts and other commitments at year-end for which goods and services have not been received.

Reserved for Endowments - represents the principal balance of Nonexpendable Trust Funds which must be held for investment purposes only.

Reserved for Special Purposes - is used to account for the unencumbered balance of restricted funds. These include the Town's Expendable Trust Funds and the income portion of the Town's Nonexpendable Trust Funds.

The portion of unreserved fund balance for which management has specific plans is shown as designated. The following designations are used by the Town:

Designated for Contingency - is used by management to set aside money for settlement.

Designated for Special Purposes - is used to account for the unencumbered balances of Special Revenue Funds.

F. Total Columns (Memorandum Only) on Combined Statements

Amounts in the "Total (Memorandum Only)" columns in the combined financial statement line items of the fund types and account group are presented for analytical purposes only. The summation includes fund types and an account group that use different bases of accounting, includes interfund transactions that have not been eliminated and the caption "amount to be provided," which is not an asset in the usual sense. Consequently, amounts shown in the "Total (Memorandum Only)" columns are not comparable to a consolidation and do not represent the total resources available or total revenues and expenditures/expenses of the Town.

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NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

The Shedd Porter Memorial Library Special Revenue Fund had an excess of expenditures over appropriations in the amount of \$12,721 for the year ended December 31, 2000. The overexpenditures occurred primarily due to the failure to budget all activity.

NOTE 3 - ASSETS

A. Cash and Equivalents

The Town maintains a common bank account in which the cash balances of most funds are maintained. The common bank account is used for receipts and disbursements relating to all these funds. All time deposits are the property of the General Fund.

At year-end, the Town's cash deposits categorized according to risk assumed were as follows:

Category 1 Includes deposits that are insured (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation).

Category 2 Includes deposits that are uninsured, but are collateralized by securities held by the pledging financial institution, its trust department or agent in the Town's name.

Category 3 Includes deposits that are uninsured and uncollateralized.

	<u>Category</u>			<u>Total</u>	
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>
Cash	<u>\$ 141,862</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 298,049</u>	<u>\$ 439,911</u>	<u>\$ 285,655</u>

B. Investments

Investments made by the Town are summarized below. The investments that are represented by specific identifiable investment securities are classified as to credit risk into three categories as follows:

Category 1 Includes investments that are insured or registered for which the securities are held by the Town or its agent in the Town's name.

Category 2 Includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the Town, broker, counter party's trust department or agent in the Town's name.

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Category 3 Includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the broker, counter party, counter party's trust department or agent, but not in the Town's name.

	Category			Fair Value
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	
Certificates of Deposit	<u>\$ 22,327</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	\$ 22,327
Mutual Funds				163,184
New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool				<u>379,597</u>
<u>Total Investments</u>				<u>\$ 565,108</u>

C. Property Taxes

The property tax year is from April 1 to March 31 and all property taxes are assessed on the inventory taken in April of that year. The net assessed valuation as of April 1, 2000, upon which the 2000 property tax levy was based is:

For the New Hampshire Education Tax	\$74,418,587
For All Other Taxes	\$76,021,635

The Town subscribes to the semi-annual method of tax collection as provided for by RSA 76:15-a. Under this method, tax bills are sent on or around June 1 and November 1 of each year, with interest accruing at a rate of 12% on bills outstanding for more than 30 days. The June 1 billing is considered an estimate only and is one half of the previous year's tax billing. The remaining balance of taxes due is billed in the fall after the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration has calculated and approved the Town's tax rate for the fiscal year.

In connection with the setting of the tax rate, Town Officials with the approval of the Department of Revenue Administration, establish and raise through taxation an amount for abatements and refunds of property taxes, known as overlay. This amount is reported as a reduction in tax revenue and is adjusted by management for any tax allowances at year-end. The property taxes collected by the Town include taxes levied for the State of New Hampshire, Fall Mountain Regional School District and Cheshire County, which are remitted as required by law. The taxes collected for these other entities are recorded in an Agency Fund. The ultimate responsibility for the collection of taxes rests with the Town.

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The tax rate and amounts assessed for the year ended December 31, 2000, were as follows:

	Per \$1,000 of <u>Assessed Valuation</u>	Property Taxes <u>Assessed</u>
Municipal Portion	\$ 7.31	\$ 555,596
<u>School Portion</u>		
State of New Hampshire	\$ 6.74	501,927
Local	\$ 12.18	925,876
County Portion	\$ 2.49	<u>189,138</u>
<u>Total Property Taxes Assessed</u>		<u>\$ 2,172,537</u>

During the current fiscal year, the Tax Collector placed a lien on May 1 for all uncollected 1999 property taxes.

Taxes receivable at December 31, 2000, are as follows:

<u>Property</u>	
Levy of 2000	\$ 693,414
<u>Unredeemed (under tax lien)</u>	
Levy of 1999	56,381
Levy of 1998	40,800
Levy of 1997	6,385
Levy of Prior Levies	14,796
Land Use Change	1,850
Yield	7,212
Less: Allowance for estimated uncollectible taxes	<u>(40,000)</u>
<u>Net Taxes Receivable</u>	<u>\$ 780,838</u>

D. Interfund Receivables/Payables

Individual fund interfund receivable and payable balances at December 31, 2000 are as follows:

	<u>Interfund Receivable</u>	<u>Interfund Payable</u>
General Fund	\$	\$ 818,714
<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>		
Transfer Station	36,010	
Agency Fund	<u>782,704</u>	
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$ 818,714</u>	<u>\$ 818,714</u>

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NOTE 4 - LIABILITIES

A. Intergovernmental Payable

Payables due other governments at December 31, 2000 include:

<u>Trust Fund</u>	
<u>Nonexpendable</u>	
School District funds in custody of Town Trustees	\$ 2,014
<u>Agency Fund</u>	
Balance of 2000-2001 district assessment due Fall Mountain Regional School District	<u>782,704</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 784,718</u>

B. Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of the Town's general long-term debt transactions for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000:

	<u>Capital Leases Payable</u>
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ -0-
Issued	77,439
Retired	<u>(7,969)</u>
Balance, End of Year	<u>\$ 69,470</u>

Long-term debt payable at December 31, 2000, is comprised of:

	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Interest Rate %</u>	<u>Outstanding at December 31, 2000</u>
<u>Capital Lease Payable</u>					
Ambulance	\$ 77,439	2000	2005	6.9	<u>\$ 69,470</u>

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The annual requirements to amortize the general obligation debt outstanding as of December 31, 2000, including interest payments, are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending</u> <u>December 31.</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2001	\$ 13,654	\$ 4,576	\$ 18,230
2002	14,615	3,615	18,230
2003	15,645	2,585	18,230
2004	16,746	1,484	18,230
2005	<u>8,810</u>	<u>305</u>	<u>9,115</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 69,470</u>	<u>\$ 12,565</u>	<u>\$ 82,035</u>

The lease-purchase agreement contains a non-appropriation funding clause whereby, in the event no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated by the Town, the lease shall terminate without penalty or expense to the Town.

NOTE 5 - OTHER INFORMATION

A. Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to employees; or natural disasters. During fiscal year 2000, the Town was a member of the Compensation Funds of New Hampshire - Workers' Compensation Division. This entity is considered a public entity risk pool, currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for member towns and cities.

Compensation Funds of New Hampshire - Workers' Compensation Division is a Trust organized to provide statutory workers' compensation and employer's liability self-insurance coverage to member towns, cities, school districts, and other qualified political subdivisions of New Hampshire. As a member of Compensation Funds of New Hampshire - Workers' Compensation Division, the Town of Alstead shares in contributing to the cost of and receiving benefits from a self-insured pooled risk management program. The membership and coverage run from January 1 to December 31. The coverage is for the statutorily required workers' compensation benefits and employer's liability coverage up to \$1,300,000. The program includes a Loss Fund from which is paid up to \$300,000 for each and every covered claim. The Trust Agreement permits the Trust to make additional assessments to members should there be a deficiency in Trust assets to meet its liabilities. At this time, the Trust foresees no likelihood of any additional assessments for any of the past years.

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The Town continues to carry commercial insurance for all other risks of loss, including employee and public official fidelity bonds, health and accident insurance.

B. Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Plan Description and Provisions

The Town of Alstead participates in the New Hampshire Retirement System (The System) which is the administrator of a cost-sharing multiple-employer contributory pension plan and trust established in 1967 by RSA 100-A:2 and is qualified as a tax-exempt organization under Sections 401(a) and 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The plan is a contributory, defined benefit plan providing service, disability, death and vested retirement benefits to members and their beneficiaries. Provisions for benefits and contributions are established and can be amended by the New Hampshire State Legislature. The System issues a publicly available financial report that may be obtained by writing the New Hampshire Retirement System, 4 Chenell Drive, Concord, NH 03301.

Description of Funding Policy

The System is financed by contributions from both the employees and the Town. Member contribution rates are established and may be amended by the State legislature while employer contribution rates are set by the System trustees based on an actuarial valuation. Police officers are required to contribute 9.3% of gross earnings. For the period January 1 through June 30, 2000, the Town contributed 4.93% for police officers, and from July 1 through December 31, 2000, the rate was 5.655%. The contribution requirements for the Town of Alstead for the years 1998, 1999, and 2000 were \$789, \$836, and \$596, respectively, which were paid in full in each year.

The State of New Hampshire funds 35% of employer costs for police officers employed by the Town. GASB Statement No. 24, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Grants and Other Financial Assistance* requires this amount to be reported as a revenue and expenditure in the Town's financial statements. This amount \$302 has been included on Exhibit B - Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds and is reconciled to the budgetary expenditures in Note 1D.

C. Summary Disclosure of Significant Contingencies

Litigation

There are various claims and suits pending against the Town which arise in the normal course of the Town's activities. In the opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of these various claims and suits will not have a material effect on the financial position of the Town.

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The Town has settled a case with the State of New Hampshire for alleged environmental violations. Management has designated \$28,000 towards this penalty from the December 31, 2000 Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance.

D. Private Trust Fund

The Charles N. Vilas Trust is a private trust which benefits the Town and the Fall Mountain Regional School District. The Chittenden Bank is the Trustee for the Vilas Trust. The market value of the assets held by the Charles N. Vilas Trust at December 31, 2000 is \$2,607,966.

SCHEDULE A-1
TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

REVENUES	Estimated	Actual	Over (Under) Estimate
<u>Taxes</u>			
Property	\$ 525,607	\$ 536,375	\$ 10,768
Land Use Change	15	15	
Yield	9,755	18,306	8,551
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	<u>50,000</u>	<u>55,541</u>	<u>5,541</u>
Total Taxes	<u>585,377</u>	<u>610,237</u>	<u>24,860</u>
<u>Licenses, Permits and Fees</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	210,000	211,097	1,097
Other	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,962</u>	<u>462</u>
Total Licenses, Permits and Fees	<u>213,500</u>	<u>215,059</u>	<u>1,559</u>
<u>Intergovernmental</u>			
<u>State</u>			
Shared Revenue Block Grant	15,280	15,280	
Meals and Rooms Distribution	40,784	40,784	
Highway Block Grant	69,802	69,802	
State and Federal Forest Lands	5	5	
Other	<u>12,120</u>	<u>721</u>	<u>(11,399)</u>
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>137,991</u>	<u>126,592</u>	<u>(11,399)</u>
<u>Charges For Services</u>			
Income From Departments	<u>6,742</u>	<u>13,103</u>	<u>6,361</u>
<u>Miscellaneous</u>			
Special Assessments	3,000	2,551	(449)
Interest on Investments	3,000	3,815	815
Rent of Property		100	100
Vilas Trust Income	66,000	67,847	1,847
Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements	9,404	15,479	6,075
Other	<u></u>	<u>3,369</u>	<u>3,369</u>
Total Miscellaneous	<u>81,404</u>	<u>93,161</u>	<u>11,757</u>
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>1,025,014</u>	<u>\$ 1,058,152</u>	<u>\$ 33,138</u>
<u>Unreserved Fund Balance</u>			
Used To Reduce Tax Rate	<u>159,400</u>		
<u>Total Revenues and</u> <u>Use of Fund Balance</u>	<u>\$ 1,184,414</u>		

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SCHEDULE A-2
TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

	Appropriations	Expenditures	(Over) Under Budget
Current			
<u>General Government</u>			
Executive	\$ 37,650	\$ 48,156	\$ (10,506)
Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	27,500	27,861	(361)
Financial Administration	24,550	21,404	3,146
Assessors/Auditor	16,000	10,120	5,880
Legal	17,000	10,899	6,101
Personnel Administration	75,500	67,921	7,579
Planning and Zoning	4,000	3,509	491
General Government Buildings	55,000	72,373	(17,373)
Cemeteries	3,500	3,608	(108)
Insurance, not otherwise allocated	46,000	19,484	26,516
Advertising and Regional Associations	2,000	2,747	(747)
Other	<u>15,000</u>	<u>17,273</u>	<u>(2,273)</u>
Total General Government	<u>323,700</u>	<u>305,355</u>	<u>18,345</u>
<u>Public Safety</u>			
Police Department	53,101	61,819	(8,718)
Ambulance	18,000	16,679	1,321
Fire Department	44,950	45,968	(1,018)
Emergency Management	7,000	3,704	3,296
Other	<u>5,800</u>	<u>9,008</u>	<u>(3,208)</u>
Total Public Safety	<u>128,851</u>	<u>137,178</u>	<u>(8,327)</u>
<u>Highways and Streets</u>			
Administration	35,100	37,011	(1,911)
Highways and Streets	247,000	245,101	1,899
Street Lighting	<u>10,000</u>	<u>9,154</u>	<u>846</u>
Total Highways and Streets	<u>292,100</u>	<u>291,266</u>	<u>834</u>
<u>Sanitation</u>			
Administration	20,150	33,981	(13,831)
Solid Waste Disposal	<u>49,850</u>	<u>40,727</u>	<u>9,123</u>
Total Sanitation	<u>70,000</u>	<u>74,708</u>	<u>(4,708)</u>
<u>Health</u>			
Animal Control	1,000	1,337	(337)
Health Agencies	<u>14,500</u>	<u>12,614</u>	<u>1,886</u>
Total Health	<u>15,500</u>	<u>13,951</u>	<u>1,549</u>

SCHEDULE A-2 (Continued)
TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

	Appropriations	Expenditures	(Over) Under Budget
<u>Welfare</u>			
Administration	200	70	130
Direct Assistance	<u>4,800</u>	<u>4,253</u>	<u>547</u>
Total Welfare	<u>5,000</u>	<u>4,323</u>	<u>677</u>
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>			
Parks and Recreation	4,000	3,987	13
Library	10,000	11,144	(1,144)
Patriotic Purposes	<u>500</u>	<u>736</u>	<u>(236)</u>
Total Culture and Recreation	<u>14,500</u>	<u>15,867</u>	<u>(1,367)</u>
Conservation	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>	
<u>Debt Service</u>			
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	10,000	10,949	(949)
Payments on Lease	<u>18,363</u>	<u>9,115</u>	<u>9,248</u>
Total Debt Service	<u>28,363</u>	<u>20,064</u>	<u>8,299</u>
<u>Capital Outlay</u>			
Road Improvements	87,000	87,000	
Fire Truck	<u>180,000</u>	<u>180,000</u>	
Total Capital Outlay	<u>267,000</u>	<u>267,000</u>	
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>			
<u>Operating Transfers Out</u>			
Interfund Transfers			
Special Revenue Funds	9,000	9,000	
Trust Funds			
Expendable	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	
Total Operating Transfers Out	<u>39,000</u>	<u>39,000</u>	
<u>Total Appropriations and Expenditures</u>	<u>\$ 1,184,414</u>	<u>\$ 1,169,112</u>	<u>\$ 15,302</u>

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SCHEDULE A-3
TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

<u>Unreserved - Undesignated</u> <u>Fund Balance - January 1</u>	\$ 276,550
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Deductions

Unreserved Fund Balance Used		
To Reduce 2000 Tax Rate	\$ 159,400	
Increase in Designation for Contingency	<u>9,726</u>	
		<u>169,126</u>
		107,424

Addition

<u>2000 Budget Summary</u>		
Revenue Surplus (Schedule A-1)	\$ 33,138	
Unexpended Balance		
of Appropriations (Schedule A-2)	<u>15,302</u>	
2000 Budget Surplus		<u>48,440</u>

<u>Unreserved - Undesignated</u> <u>Fund Balance - December 31</u>	<u>\$ 155,864</u>
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SCHEDULE B-1
TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Special Revenue Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
December 31, 2000

	Shedd Porter Memorial Library	Arch Pond Committee	Vilas Pool	Conservation Commission	Transfer Station	Total
ETS						
and Equivalents	\$ 15,734	\$ 3,155	\$ 20,553	\$ 3,835	\$	\$ 43,277
nents	11,787	10,540				22,327
nts Receivable					747	747
nd Receivable					36,010	36,010
TAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 27,521</u>	<u>\$ 13,695</u>	<u>\$ 20,553</u>	<u>\$ 3,835</u>	<u>\$ 36,757</u>	<u>\$ 102,361</u>
TY						
Balances						
erved						
ignated For Special Purposes	<u>\$ 27,521</u>	<u>\$ 13,695</u>	<u>\$ 20,553</u>	<u>\$ 3,835</u>	<u>\$ 36,757</u>	<u>\$ 102,361</u>

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SCHEDULE B-2
TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Special Revenue Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

	Shedd Porter Memorial <u>Library</u>	Arch Pond <u>Committee</u>	Vilas <u>Pool</u>	Conservation <u>Commission</u>	Transfer <u>Station</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Revenues</u>						
Charges for Services	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 12,006	\$ 12,006
Miscellaneous	9,189	571	20,238	640		30,638
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>						
Operating Transfers In	<u>10,414</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>10,414</u>
<u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>19,603</u>	<u>571</u>	<u>20,238</u>	<u>640</u>	<u>12,006</u>	<u>53,058</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>						
<u>Current</u>						
Conservation				1,098		1,098
Culture and Recreation	<u>21,721</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>13,122</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>34,908</u>
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>21,721</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>13,122</u>	<u>1,098</u>	<u> </u>	<u>36,006</u>
<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures</u>	(2,118)	506	7,116	(458)	12,006	17,052
<u>Fund Balances - January 1</u>	<u>29,639</u>	<u>13,189</u>	<u>13,437</u>	<u>4,293</u>	<u>24,751</u>	<u>85,309</u>
<u>Fund Balances - December 31</u>	<u>\$ 27,521</u>	<u>\$ 13,695</u>	<u>\$ 20,553</u>	<u>\$ 3,835</u>	<u>\$ 36,757</u>	<u>\$ 102,361</u>

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SCHEDULE B-3
TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Shedd Porter Memorial Library Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

<u>Revenues</u>		
<u>Miscellaneous</u>		
Shedd Fund	\$ 4,536	
Donations	3,919	
Interest	734	
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>		
<u>Operating Transfers In</u>		
General Fund	9,000	
Trust Funds	<u>1,414</u>	
<u>Total Revenues and</u>		
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>		\$ 19,603
<u>Expenditures</u>		
<u>Current</u>		
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>		
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 11,487	
Administrative Costs	577	
Books, Periodicals and Programs	5,564	
Operations and Maintenance of Facilities	<u>4,093</u>	
<u>Total Expenditures</u>		<u>21,721</u>
<u>Deficiency of Revenues and</u>		
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>		
<u>Under Expenditures</u>		(2,118)
<u>Fund Balance - January 1</u>		<u>29,639</u>
<u>Fund Balance - December 31</u>		<u>\$ 27,521</u>

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*SCHEDULE B-4
TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Arch Pond Committee Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000*

<u>Revenues</u>	
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
Interest	\$ 571
 <u>Expenditures</u>	
<u>Current</u>	
Culture and Recreation	<u>65</u>
 <u>Excess of Revenues</u>	
<u>Over Expenditures</u>	506
 <u>Fund Balance - January 1</u>	<u>13,189</u>
 <u>Fund Balance - December 31</u>	<u>\$ 13,695</u>

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SCHEDULE B-5
TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Vilas Pool Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

Revenues

Miscellaneous

Vilas Trust	\$ 17,839
Donations and Other	2,243
Interest	<u>156</u>

Total Revenues \$ 20,238

Expenditures

Current

Culture and Recreation

Salaries and Benefits	\$ 6,292
Administrative Costs	1,042
Maintenance, Repairs and Other	<u>5,788</u>

Total Expenditures 13,122

Excess of Revenues

Over Expenditures 7,116

Fund Balance - January 1 13,437

Fund Balance - December 31 \$ 20,553

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*SCHEDULE B-6
TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Conservation Commission Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000*

Revenues

Miscellaneous

Donations and Other

\$ 560

Interest

80

Total Revenues

\$ 640

Expenditures

Current

Conservation

1,098

Deficiency of Revenues

Under Expenditures

(458)

Fund Balance - January 1

4,293

Fund Balance - December 31

\$3,835

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*SCHEDULE B-7
TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Transfer Station Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000*

<u>Revenues</u>	
<u>Charges For Services</u>	
User Charges	\$ 12,006
 <u>Fund Balance - January 1</u>	 <u>24,751</u>
 <u>Fund Balance - December 31</u>	 <u>\$ 36,757</u>

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SCHEDULE C-1
TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Trust and Agency Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
December 31, 2000

ASSETS	Trust Funds		Agency Fund	Total
	Expendable	Nonexpendable		
Cash and Equivalents	\$	\$ 1,956	\$	\$ 1,956
Investments	113,431	429,350		542,781
Interfund Receivable			782,704	782,704
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$ 113,431</u>	 <u>\$ 431,306</u>	 <u>\$ 782,704</u>	 <u>\$ 1,327,441</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>				
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Intergovernmental Payable	\$	\$ 2,014	\$ 782,704	\$ 784,718
 <u>Equity</u>				
<u>Fund Balances</u>				
Reserved For Endowments		377,968		377,968
Reserved For Special Purposes	113,431	51,324		164,755
Total Equity	113,431	429,292		542,723
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	 <u>\$ 113,431</u>	 <u>\$ 431,306</u>	 <u>\$ 782,704</u>	 <u>\$ 1,327,441</u>

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SCHEDULE I
TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Summary of Town Clerk's Account
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

<u>Motor Vehicle Permits Issued</u>	\$ 211,167
<u>Dog Licenses and Penalties</u>	2,540
<u>All Other Collections</u>	<u>1,355</u>
<u>Remittances to Treasurer</u>	<u>\$ 215,062</u>

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SCHEDULE II
TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Trust Funds
Summary of Principal and Income - Cost Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

	Principal			Balance December 31, 2000
	Balance January 1, 2000	Additions	Withdrawals	
<u>Cemetery - Perpetual Care</u>	<u>\$ 188,737</u>	<u>\$ 1,800</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 190,537</u>
<u>Library Funds</u>				
Kimball Fund	2,465			2,465
Carpenter Fund	500			500
C. F. Warren Fund	5,650			5,650
Whitton Endowment Fund	<u>14,931</u>	<u>400</u>	<u></u>	<u>15,331</u>
 Total Library Funds	<u>23,546</u>	<u>400</u>	<u></u>	<u>23,946</u>
<u>School and Other Funds</u>				
Warren Monument and School Fund	5,262			5,262
Kingsbury School Fund	606			606
Wells and Smith Cemetery and School Funds	510			510
Maybelle H. Still Memorial Fund - Town History	13,715			13,715
Lufkin Memorial Fund - Historical Society	7,500			7,500
William Mikelonis	<u></u>	<u>1,378</u>	<u></u>	<u>1,378</u>
 Total School and Other Funds	<u>27,593</u>	<u>1,378</u>	<u></u>	<u>28,971</u>
<u>Capital Reserve Funds</u>	<u>18,500</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u></u>	<u>48,500</u>
 <u>Totals</u>	<u>\$ 258,376</u>	<u>\$ 33,578</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 291,954</u>

Balance January 1, 2000	Income		Balance December 31, 2000	Balance of Principal and Income December 31, 2000
	Additions	Withdrawals		
<u>\$ 42,052</u>	<u>\$ 13,677</u>	<u>\$ 4,458</u>	<u>\$ 51,271</u>	<u>\$ 241,808</u>
	148	148		2,465
	31	31		500
	339	339		5,650
<u> </u>	<u>896</u>	<u>896</u>	<u> </u>	<u>15,331</u>
<u> </u>	<u>1,414</u>	<u>1,414</u>	<u> </u>	<u>23,946</u>
53	316	324	45	5,307
	37	37		606
	31	31		510
27,999	3,426		31,425	45,140
1,977	567		2,544	10,044
<u> </u>	<u>54</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>1,407</u>
<u>30,029</u>	<u>4,431</u>	<u>417</u>	<u>34,043</u>	<u>63,014</u>
<u>7,036</u>	<u>2,710</u>	<u> </u>	<u>9,746</u>	<u>58,246</u>
<u>\$ 79,117</u>	<u>\$ 22,232</u>	<u>\$ 6,289</u>	<u>\$ 95,060</u>	<u>\$ 387,014</u>

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen
Town of Alstead
Alstead, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Alstead for the year ended December 31, 2000, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We are pleased to report that, during the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified. Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or recordkeeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to applicable individuals during the course of our audit fieldwork.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

January 26, 2001

*Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association*

2000 Annual Report Alstead Highway Department

Walpole Valley Road was paved and an apron was paved onto McClean Road. All of the main line tar roads were striped. We did this as we had had a lot of requests. This makes the roads more visible during certain weather conditions and at night. Culverts were also replaced on Porter and Pratt Roads.

The highway department trucked two thousand yards of crushed gravel from Cohen's Pit in Marlow to put on the roads in East Alstead. I would also like to thank everyone for making it possible for Stan Kmiec to open his gravel pit here in town. This has been a big help to the town. The town was able to buy all their sand, also lots of bank run for building up such roads as Cobb Hill, Peachblow and Homestead Road.

The highway department is still waiting for permits to do the culverts and underdrain work on Pinecliff Road due to the extensive surveying, mapping and paperwork that has to be done for State approval. Hopefully we will be able to do this as one of our summer projects in 2001.

The town has had to put up gates at the Highway Garage due to the loss of several items. There were also several items being left behind the garage that were meant for the Transfer Station.

The Highway Department desperately needs to replace the two small trucks they have now; the 87 F-350 and 92F-450. Both of these trucks are very tired and are constantly in need of one repair after the other. We would like to replace them with two new Ford F-550 four wheel drive trucks.

Respectfully submitted,
David Crosby
Road Agent

SHEDD PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2000 Annual Report

A total circulation of 15,270 is divided among the following categories:

Adult Fiction	3,979
Adult Non-Fiction	1,266
Junior Books	9,131
Magazines, Tapes	894

We welcomed 42 new members to the library this year.

“Reading Cats and Dogs” was the theme for this summer’s reading program. Thanks to Marie King and the Friends of the Library for purchasing the supplies for the program. Thanks to Erin Heidorn, Peggy Bittenbender, Judy Ryner, Dr. Shaw, Kitty Kmiec and Jennifer Couture for making craft days so much fun. Thanks also to our story time readers: Jane Hutton, Bob Cunniff, Felicia Relihan, Alex Smidutz, Jennifer Couture, Gaale Klein, Chad Fierros, Brenda Highley and Judy Ryner. Thanks to a special visit from children’s author Jessie Haas. A total of 675 books were read.

The continuing financial help received from Mrs. Lora Whitton of Sarasota, Florida, Miss Catherine MacDonald of the Marquis George MacDonald Foundation of New York, and generous memorial donations from Mr. Frank Caruso of Cos Cob, Connecticut enabled us to buy many beautiful non-fiction books. Thanks also to the Lufkin Family, Mr. Ward Archer of California, the Halls of Virginia, and the Maltby Family of NYC, and Norman Ussery of Acworth. We were also fortunate to receive a grant from the Children’s Literacy Foundation (CLIF) located in Hanover, NH of \$1,200 worth of books. Our share of \$300 was generously paid by Benson Woodworking and the Bittenbender, Heidorn and Renzelman families.

Our Annual Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, March 24th 10:00-2:00.

Thanks to Peggy Fullam, my assistant for all her help. Thanks also to the Trustees and the people of Alstead and Langdon for their continued support.

Sincerely,
Julia Cunniff, Librarian

SHEDD PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES 2000 ANNUAL REPORT

We wish to thank the many friends of the library for your continuing and generous support. Your donations over the past year have allowed the library to purchase more books than would otherwise be possible, for the greater enjoyment of all. The library can accept donations of recently published works of fiction and non-fiction, as well as cash donations. A big Thank You also to the many volunteers who donate time, effort and support for the special programs that the library sponsors each year.

We are happy to report that the repair work on the exterior mortar joints of the building has been completed. Our next task is to repair the plaster ceiling which was damaged by leaks several years ago. We hope to have this work completed this spring.

Thank you to Julia Cunniff, our Librarian, and her staff for their excellent work in maintaining and expanding our collection. If you have not been in the library for a while, we think you will be pleased with the selection of books and magazines that are available.

Respectfully submitted,
Your Library Trustees

Bernard Cooper, Chairman
Suzette Langlois, Secretary
Mary Lou Huffling, Treasurer
Deborah Guerriere
Almut Yakovleff

2000 Annual Report
Alstead Conservation Commission

This year the Conservation Commission developed a mission statement:

The Alstead Conservation Commission aims to work in partnership with the community to assess and conserve natural resources by providing education and encouraging outdoor recreation, wise use, and best management.

We continued reaching out to the youngsters this year. The area elementary students were invited to enter a poster contest. The theme was "Shop Locally to Conserve Our Resources". And in a very exciting project, a high school student is making a video about local conservation which we will use for education and outreach.

You have probably noticed the Papermill Park on Millot Green, which the commission completed this year. This project was made possible by a grant from the Connecticut River Joint Commissions, and by the help of some very dedicated volunteers.

The "Welcome to Alstead Village" signs are another visible product of our work this year. Although they don't directly act to conserve our natural resources, the signs may help to encourage a sense of place and a pride in the community which go hand-in-hand with an interest in preserving our natural resources.

The public was invited to a picnic at Pratt Rock and a walk at Wellman Pond. We hope more of you will join us for these refreshing outings in the future.

Our meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month, at the town offices. We invite you-- come share your thoughts, see what it's like to volunteer for the commission, or just check out what we're up to!

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Hall-Fuller

**2000 Annual report
Alstead Police Department**

The statistical data listed below from September 1 through December 31, 2000 is compiled by the new CRIMESTAR Database as we utilize the system. There were 175 calls for service logged. Of the 175, 45 were criminal cases. 30 arrests were made of the 45 cases. There were 12 motor vehicle cases. The remaining 118 calls were non-criminal or accident related calls.

Criminal Case	45
MVA	12
Non Criminal CFS	118
Arrests	<u>(28)</u>
Total CFS	175

Pro-rated for the year, our annual statistics for the year 2000 were:

Criminal Cases	135
MVA	36
Non Criminal CFS	354
Arrests	<u>(74)</u>
Total CFS	525

These statistics are an estimate based on the amount recorded for the last 4 months. It is important to understand the following:

Motor vehicle stops (warnings or citations), business checks, vacant house checks, animal control and other routine duties are not included above. This data will be available for next year.

Times have changed, and policing in a small town community has changed also. Also changes in social attitude has changed within the past two decades resulting in law enforcement changes. Some of the "old ways" of dealing with the criminal element in today's society and the enforcement of law and order are no longer acceptable. In the "old days" we used to do police work 80% of the time and paper work 20% of the time. Now we do paper work 80% of the time and police work 20% of the time. All too often, an arrested person will be released before the paper work is finished. Being a rural time police officer may seem to be a picnic to many--- but it isn't. We have the same problems as a full time city police department. When you put on a police uniform, badge and gun belt, you have to "shift mental gears" and leave personal problems and other concerns behind and pay total attention to the call you have been requested to respond to. A police officer must be professional and must be fully trained in law enforcement procedures, as well as firearms training. There is no room for error in this world of law suits.

I also wish to thank publicly the police officers in the surrounding communities that have come forth on many occasions to assist when there was a need. It is a great feeling to know there is "back up" willing to come if called upon.

After months of searching to find a qualified police officer, Joseph Murray was selected for our full time police officer in August. He and his wife and three children moved to neighboring Langdon soon after he was hired. In April of 2000 he graduated from the Police Academy in Concord , NH.

Note: At the Present time the
Alstead Police Officers are:
Chief Erwin Ward
Officer Joeph Murray
Officer David Webber

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Erwin Ward



"Certainly I can explain, Officer. I had too much to drink, so my best friend offered to drive me home."

ALSTEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2000

It has been a busy year for the Fire Department with hazardous-materials, mutual aid calls, auto accidents, meetings and drills. The new truck arrived to replace Engine 3 in the East Station in October. As with any new piece of equipment, this truck has required additional training, but it has been very easy to learn the modernized controls and features. We would like to take this time to thank the voters for their support of this much needed new truck. We have also started to upgrade some of our other equipment including dry hydrants, turnout gear and scene lighting on the rescue truck.

I would like to thank the Officers and Firefighters of this Department for their assistance, support and dedications. The Town is fortunate to have such qualified personnel. Please be aware that the Fire Department and Ambulance Service are volunteer organizations and gratefully accept new members at any time. Training and equipment is provided free of cost to the individual. See me or any member for information on joining.

2000 Runs

Structure Fires	2	Chimney Fires	4
Car Fires	1	Auto Accidents	15
Alarm Sounding	11	CO Alarm	1
Smoke Investigation	2	Wires/Trees Down	5
Mutual Aid Calls	8	Illegal Burns	3
Brush Fires	1	Boiler/Furnace Malfunction	1
LP Gas Leak	1	Oil Spill	2
Gas Spill	2	Wildcat Reality(DWI simulation)	3
Bike Race	1	Live Training Burn	1
Meetings	12	Drills	13
Recover signs from Cold River	13		

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Kercewich
Fire Chief

TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

There are 2,200 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The number of fires reported during the 2000 fire season was below average as referenced in the statistics below. Despite this, our network of fire towers and detection patrols were still quite busy with the fire towers being first to report over 135 fires. These fires were quickly and accurately reported to the local fire department for their prompt and effective suppression efforts. Wildland fires occurring in areas where homes are situated in the woodlands are a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers. Please contact the Forest Protection Bureau to request a brochure to assist you in assessing fire safety around your home and woodlands.

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. Forest Rangers have investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217, or for general information visit our website at www.dred.state.nh.us.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection system and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. These factors are critical in controlling the size of wildland fires, keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible. Due to permitting and fire safety concerns, please contact your local fire department BEFORE using portable outdoor fire places and vessels, including those constructed of clay, concrete or wire mesh.

Please contact your local fire department before doing ANY outside burning.

REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!!

2000 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru November 10, 2000)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Hillsborough	118	40
Rockingham	49	24
Merrimack	92	16
Belknap	54	13
Cheshire	41	20
Strafford	58	13
Carroll	46	10
Grafton	16	7
Sullivan	12	2
Coos	30	4
	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2000	516	149
1999	1301	452
1998	798	443

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Debris Burning	263
Miscellaneous *	151
Smoking	30
Children	17
Campfire	16
Arson/Suspicious	14
Equipment Use	9
Lightning	9
Railroad	7

* Miscellaneous (powerlines, fireworks, structures, OHRV, unknown)

Alstead Ambulance 2000 Annual Report

This has been one of the busiest years so far for the Alstead Ambulance, with total number of calls topping out at 114. Of these calls, 3 were to assist the Fire Department at 1st Alarms, 14 were motor vehicle accidents, 75 were medical calls and 22 were trauma calls. With such a busy year, the members of the squad are indeed thankful to the townspeople for voting for our new ambulance; since putting the new unit in service last summer, our call volume has been up dramatically and it has been great to have a safe, dependable vehicle.

I'd also like to thank those residents who have been so prompt in getting their new "911" numbers up on their houses and mailboxes. These numbers really expedite our response time in an emergency. If you haven't yet had a chance to get your numbers up, please remember to put them in a place where they will be easily visible from the road. If you need help putting your numbers on your house or mailbox, contact the town offices and a member of the squad will come out and help you.

The Alstead Ambulance Squad is staffed by a very few, very dedicated members. We are always looking for more volunteers; both potential Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) or a s support volunteers to help with special events and community outreach. You don't have to have any medical training, just a desire to help the community and a few hours to give. I would urge anyone interested in learning more about what we do and how you can be a part of how we do it to stop by the Village Station on Sunday morning, talk with one of us on the street, or contact me or Fire Chief Kercewich.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamsen Howes, Captain
Alstead Ambulance

**2000 Annual Report
Board of Fire Commissioners**

The Alstead Board of Fire Commissioners met on a regular basis to deal with current issues involving the Alstead Fire Department. In March of this year the board reorganized and welcomed Dave Crosby to the board. Doug Bays was elected Chairman. The Department continued to hold drills and training on a regular basis.

We want to thank the voters for allowing us to purchase the new Fire Truck. The new truck arrived in October. It was greatly needed and will be a great asset to the Alstead Volunteer Fire Department.

In July of this year Kim Kercewich was appointed as Chief along with his board officers at a ceremony held on Saturday, July 25, 2000.

We would like to thank all of the firemen and their wives for the continued service they contribute to our town.

Respectfully submitted,
Alstead Board of Fire Commissioners

Doug Bays, Chairman
David Crosby
James O'Brien

2000 Annual Report Cemetery Commission

Our seven (7) cemeteries were mowed and cared for this past year by our dedicated crew of Reginald and Chris Clark, Ernie and Jean Rhoades and Edward Hatch.

We have an imminent danger at Mapleside Cemetery of deteriorating old Maple trees and we have made arrangements to have the trees trimmed and/or removed in the spring of 2001 before causing damage to head stones.

We hope to undertake a program of stone repair this summer as many headstones are leaning or have already fallen. This is a problem in all of our cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,
Cemetery Commission

Reginald Clark
Marie Bender
Bruce A. Bellows

**ALSTEAD PLANNING BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT 2000**

Activity was moderate in 2000. The Alstead Planning Board received and approved four minor subdivisions. There were no applications received for major subdivisions. The Planning Board also approved one earth excavation.

The regular meeting of the Alstead Planning Board is held on the Second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Alstead Municipal Building. Work meetings are scheduled as needed on the fourth Monday of the month. Anyone interested in participating is welcome.

The Board has openings for alternative members. If interested, please contact any member of the board for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Danzer, Administrative Support Person

Peter Rhoades, Chairman

Matthew Saxton, Member

Juliana Stevens, Secretary

Don Bascom, Member

Rose Marie Caffrey, Member

Randy Rhoades, Alternate

Gloria Seddon, Ex-Officio's Alternate

THE ALSTEAD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2000

The board has not experienced a great deal of activity this past year. One special exception was granted. It has been busy from time to time answering questions regarding the Ordinance. Zoning Officer, Dale Wilson, has kept the board informed concerning building permits and any activity that might require action by the board.

The ZBA meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 PM, at the Alstead Municipal Building. The Public is welcome. Any citizen interested in becoming a member is encouraged to contact any member of the board.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Danzer, Administrative Support Person

David Fiske, Chairman

Richard Minard, Member

Harold Binder, Member

Sam Sutcliffe, Member

Paul Rodrique, Member

2000 Annual Report Trustees of Trust Fund

The William Mikelonis Scholarship Fund was transferred to the Alstead trustees to oversee and distribute Scholarships as directed.

New Cemetery Funds established during 2000

4/15/00	William and Myrna Harrington	\$ 200.00
5/1/00	Lewis and Janice M. Miles	\$ 300.00
6/9/00	Eleanor Morrison	\$ 400.00
10/3/00	Cathleen M. And Irving F. Gagnon	\$ 200.00
10/3/00	Clarence Abild	\$ 100.00
11/25/00	Olney and Margaret Knight	\$ 200.00
12/10/00	Paul H and Eloise R. Besaw	\$ 200.00

Because of two (2) instances in the past two years where people have acquired cemetery lots when needed for an upcoming burial and have neglected to pay for them so that we can reestablish a Trust Fund, we will now re-establish a Trust Fund, we will now require payment before interment can occur.

Cemetery lots are available and may be acquired by contacting Reginald Clark, Cemetery Commissioner 835-6007.

Respectfully Submitted,
Trustees of Trust Funds

Reginal Clark
Marie Bender
Bruce A. Bellows

2000 Annual Report

Alstead Transfer and Recycling Center

The Alstead Transfer and Recycling Center would like to remind everyone that the Transfer Station stickers are an important control that everyone must comply with. Every sticker has a different number. The sticker is to be applied to the lower left hand side of your front windshield. Please remember to return the sticker for reissue at no charge when you move or buy a new vehicle.

In 2000 the Alstead Transfer and Recycling Center brought in \$11,948.00 from recycling fees. At some point this money will be used for maintenance of the recycling program.

This coming year we hope to be able to accept waste oil. We have applied for a grant that will enable us to do this. Hopefully construction of this facility will begin in the spring.

Compactor and disposal costs are rising all the time. It's important for everyone to recycle their waste. If you dispose of an article that has a fee, please pay the invoice that the attendants give you as this is important in controlling the Town's solid waste removal costs.

I would like to thank the attendants for their hard work and assistance this past year. On December 31st, 2000 Dale Wilson retired from the Transfer Station. Good Luck on your retirement Dale. You certainly deserve it!

Respectfully submitted,
James O'Brien, Mgr.

2000 Annual Report
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

The State has changed registration requirements for older cars effective January 1 of this year. Any 1988 or older vehicle registered will require in addition to the bill of sale one of the following documents:

- a. Previous issued N.H. Registration.
- b. Valid Out of State Title.
- c. Verification of VIN (Form 19A).

The registration process is constantly changing. The new conservation plates are available now. There is new registration for construction equipment and other changes have taken effect. If you have any question regarding a new registration, you may call the office. It is important to have the proper paperwork.

There were problems with the on line process. I will be on line this year unless the State delays it again. Hopefully all the problems will be solved before I go on line.

The new tax program has had some problems. We had the wrong tax rate set the first time due to the reports not being accurate. After many hours spent trying to find the problem we were able to discover the error and did have the proper rate set. Luckily I found the error before we had used the first tax rate we had received. I am pleased to have been able to balance to the penny again this year. I will have to purchase a new printer for the tax program as the old printer shows signs of failing. I would not like to have it break down at tax time. The purchase is planned for the Spring.

Remember that dog licenses are to be renewed by April 30.

Regarding taxes I again emphasize that one can pay whatever they are able to at any given time. To avoid interest charges it is to the taxpayers benefit to pay as much as you can.

I thank you for your support this year and your patience with any delays that may occur while you are using this office.

Respectfully submitted

2000 BIRTHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Baby' Name</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
02/09/00	Lebanon	Devin David Olmstead	David Olmstead	Donna Olmstead
02/19/00	Peterborough	Faith Ashley Wilson	Rock Wilson	Audra Wilson
03/20/00	Keene	Zachary Francis Plaisted	Ethan Plaisted	Karen Plaisted
04/04/00	Keene	Naomi Jamelia Dawson	Michael Dawson	Kim Dawson
04/08/00	Peterborough	Erica Belle Page	Scott Page	Suzanne Page
04/30/00	Alstead	Zev Jacob Kazati-Morgan	Mowlot Kazati	Katherine Tarlow
05/06/00	Keene	Isabella Rain Deluca	Robert Deluca	Kimberly Deluca
06/12/00	Keene	Gretchen Elizabeth Elliott	Charles Elliott	Cheryl Elliott
06/16/00	Lebanon	Haley Marie Christie	Kenneth Christie	Tina Christie
06/18/00	Keene	Chelsey Ann Patch	Gary Patch	Kelly Patch
07/06/00	Keene	Heather Anne O'Brien	John O'Brien	Patricia O'Brien
07/22/00	Peterborough	Gregory Allen Scarpa	Timothy Scarpa	Suzanne Scarpa
08/26/00	Keene	Lily Angel Brogdale	Corey Brogdale	Lynn Brogdale
10/02/00	Keene	Alexandra Lynn Kercewich	Kim Kercewich	Tamsen Howes
11/13/00	Concord	Nathan James Henderson	Benjamin Henderson	Sarah Henderson
12/29/00	Keene	Benjamin Earl Kathan	Earl Kathan	Kathleen Kathan

2000 MARRIAGES

<u>Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>	<u>Date</u>
Steven P. Lawlor	Alstead	Alicia Maslowski	Alstead	Keene	01/01/00
Neil R. Swift	Alstead	Geraldine L. Fowle	Alstead	Charlestown	04/08/00
Michael J. Andrade	Alstead	Christine Langella	Alstead	Alstead	05/27/00
Christian B. Breslend	Alstead	Stephanie A. Topa	Alstead	Sunapee	06/10/00
Thomas W. Hancock	Alstead	Tami J. Russell	Alstead	Walpole	07/15/00
Matthew S. Gillette	Alstead	Petra M. Jamieson	Alstead	Alstead	07/22/00
Daniel Martinez	Alstead	Nealia M. Barnes	Alstead	Walpole	09/09/00
Ronald J. Pratt	Alstead	Lisa M. Lounder	Alstead	Keene	11/18/00
Joseph A. Gryszko	Alstead	Mildred R. Batchelder	Alstead	Alstead	12/19/00

2000 Deaths

<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Date</u>
Alan S. Cutler	Keene	01/05/2000
Evelyn C. Harrington	Keene	01/07/2000
Donna L. Spencer	Keene	01/26/2000
Lilla B. Pitcher	Keene	06/26/2000
George A. Craig	Lebanon	07/18/2000
Walter E. Savory	Greenfield, MA	08/12/2000
Frances S. Monoski	Keene	08/15/2000
Stanley N. Fontaine	Keene	09/02/2000
Cyril Johnson Bradway	Westmoreland	09/26/2000
Conrad F. Shand	Keene	11/10/2000
Fred B. Harmon	Keene	11/18/2000
R. Eleanor Nostrand-Caron	Alstead	11/19/2000
Margaret Knight	Keene	11/19/2000
Elizabeth E. Courtemanche	Alstead	11/28/2000

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